

## Ice may have caused U.S. crash

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (R) — A witness saw ice crusted on an airliner before it took off and crashed in Washington on Wednesday killing 78 people, a government investigator said today. But Francis McAdams, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said ice was still only one possible cause of the crash. The Boeing 737, owned by Air Florida, bounced on a road bridge and crashed into the Potomac River seconds after leaving National Airport. Four people in cars hit by the plane were among the dead. Divers hoped today to recover two flight recorders from the plane to try to find out what went wrong.

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## King leaves for Gulf today

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein will leave Amman Saturday for Kuwait, at the start of a Gulf tour lasting for several days. The King will meet Arab leaders in the Gulf, and discuss with them developments in the Middle East and ways of strengthening Arab solidarity.

## Percy continues marathon talks

ABU DHABI, Jan. 15 (R) — Senator Charles Percy, chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, arrived today on the seventh leg of a Middle East tour. He is expected to see senior United Arab Emirates officials for talks on bilateral relations, Middle East developments and the security situation in the Gulf, officials said. Senator Percy, who will go to Bahrain tomorrow, has already visited Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Oman.

## Pope urges pooling of efforts

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 15 (R) — Muslims and Christians should pool their efforts towards moral improvement and peace, especially in the Middle East, Pope John Paul said today. He told the new Tunisian ambassador to the Holy See that believers in the two faiths, which both originated in the Middle East and maintain the existence of a single God, should set the world an example of cooperation. "This is my heart-felt wish in these troubled times," the Pontiff added. Ambassador Hedi Baccouche, presenting his credentials at a ceremony in the Vatican, called for a deepening of the dialogue between Islam and Christianity in order to reinforce their shared monotheistic belief.

## Gromyko attacks U.S. Mideast policy

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko today attacked Washington's policy in the Middle East, saying it provided "a year for the growth of Israel's expansionist ambitions." Mr. Gromyko, speaking at a luncheon in honour of Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, denounced Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights and said its claims to the territory were "unlawful and illegal." "They can not be qualified otherwise than as international brigandage," Mr. Gromyko said, according to TASS news agency.

## OAU to meet on Chad soon

NAIROBI, Jan. 15 (R) — An emergency meeting of African states will be held here next month to discuss financial and technical problems facing the pan-African peace-keeping force in Chad, Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert Ouko said today. He told a news conference that Kenya, current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), would host a meeting of the OAU's 11-nation standing committee on Chad in Nairobi on Feb. 1 and 2 to discuss solutions to the difficulties.

## U.S. equipment arrives in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 15 (A.P.) — A shipment of U.S. military equipment valued at \$6.2 million arrived at Beirut port today, according to a U.S. embassy spokesman. A press release issued by the embassy on Wednesday said the shipment includes 26 armoured personnel carriers, 13 other armoured vehicles, 15 gun jeeps for 106 mm. recoilless rifles and four utility jeeps.

## Jordan protests over Syrian act of sabotage

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (Petra) — The Syrian chargé d'affaires in Jordan was summoned to the Foreign Ministry yesterday and handed an official memorandum on the regrettable act of sabotage which took place in a grocery in Amman on Monday, Jan. 11.

The Foreign Ministry expressed Jordan's deep denunciation of, and displeasure with, this act in which a Syrian diplomat in Amman was involved, at a time "when we as a one Arab Nation need unity of Arab action and ranks in order to confront threats and dangers facing our nation, our existence and our destiny from an aggressive and expansionist enemy".

## Klibi ends visit, affirms will to convene summit

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (Petra) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi left Amman this morning after concluding a two-day official visit to Jordan.

During his visit, Mr. Klibi met with His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Mudar Badran. He also held talks with Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem on current Arab affairs and on the need to unite Arab efforts to confront the challenges threatening Arab existence, security and stability. They also discussed ways of achieving Arab solidarity.

Upon arrival in Amman yesterday, Mr. Klibi told reporters that he would listen to the views of Jordanian officials and discuss with them issues related to joint Arab action and means to strengthen Arab solidarity.

Mr. Klibi was seen at Amman Airport by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and a number of Foreign Ministry senior officials.

He added that there is a collective will on the part of all Arab states he visited to resume the Arab summit conference at Fez, and that positive steps are being taken to prepare for the resumption of the summit on solid bases.

Mr. Klibi explained that the Jerusalem issue will come first on the summit agenda because Jerusalem is an indivisible part of the occupied Arab territories. He added that the discussion of the Saudi peace plan has been postponed to enable the Arab states to reach complete agreement on it after adequate consultations and discussion.

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## Journalists elect new president amid controversy

By Josephine Mushahwar Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 15 — Members of the Jordanian Journalists Association elected Mr. Rakan Al Majali by acclamation as the new president of the association at the Professional Associations Complex today, according the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

They also elected the members of the association's council, who included Nasr, Khader Nassar, Akef Hijazi, Fakhri Abu Hamdeh, Abdullah Hamdan, Awni Badr, Mahmoud Al Housani, Mohammad Abu Ghawas, Fawwaz Al Khalil, and Ahmad Alawi, Petra said.

The newly-elected council held its first session afterwards and elected Khader Nassar as vice president, Akef Hijazi as secretary, Fakhri Abu Hamdeh as treasurer, Abdullah Hamdan as deputy secretary and Awni Badr as deputy treasurer.

This year's association elections were the focus of some controversy. Al Ra'i, Al Dustour and Al Liwa were some of the major newspapers that suspended their membership and did not attend the elections.

Journalists said that the main reason for the suspension was that they were awaiting a new law concerning the Jordanian

Journalists Association. They had presented a new proposal, but it was still being studied by the cabinet.

The present law was passed in 1953 and it permitted any person with journalistic background to be a member, even if they left journalism for a completely different vocation," said one journalist.

Sources said that since then, the association has witness a great increase in membership of government employees. They have become a majority, thus influencing the major decisions at the association, they said.

"Most of the members have left

journalism, yet they still belong to the association. There is very little opportunity for the professional journalists to voice their opinion," said another journalist.

The proposal being studied now suggests that the new law should define the positions of the members by permitting the professionals to serve the association adequately, and to clarify the position of government employees by not allowing them to vote. The proposal also aims at keeping members who work in the press and suspending those who do not have any relation to it.

Out of 151 members, 76 attended the meeting today. With four fewer present there would have been no quorum; but members of the association tried to find as many members as they could in order to secure the elections, a member journalist told the Jordan Times.

Sources said that once the new law is passed, they will re-elect a new president and board.

"Members of the board consist of five journalists and five owners of local newspapers, but the newspapers must at least have constant publication and circulation, and not appear once or twice a year only," those sources added.

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## Haig announces progress, plans to be back shortly

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 15 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig ended his Middle East mission today proclaiming optimism about Palestinian "autonomy" and promising to be back in this region by the end of the month.

His statements after two days of talks with Israeli leaders appeared to signal a sustained new U.S. drive to lessen the gap between Israel and Egypt over the scale of autonomy to be offered Palestinians of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"I leave with a sense that there is great dedication and a new sense of urgency to bring about an autonomy agreement as soon as possible without setting any deadlines," Mr. Haig told an airport press conference before leaving for Washington.

"I am optimistic and hopeful despite difficulties," he said.

At the same press conference, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he, too, was convinced an autonomy agreement could be achieved.

At the same time Mr. Shamir made plain that Israel had not relaxed its determination to keep Palestinian autonomy within the confines of local administration. Asked if Israel had changed its view, Mr. Shamir replied:

"Our positions are well known and we shall make greater efforts

to reach an agreement and ask the other parties to accept our positions."

The autonomy issue dominated the talks Mr. Haig had with Mr. Shamir, Prime Minister Menachem Begin and other Israeli leaders after arriving from Cairo yesterday.

The U.S. secretary of state said he would return to the Middle East after a visit to Geneva on Jan. 26-27. "We will not," he said, "come into the process with any new ideas ourselves at this stage but may be later we will make some suggestions."

Asked whether he was seeking concessions from Israel or Egypt Mr. Haig said: "The problem is not one of making concessions but of where we can find ingenuity to bridge existing gaps."

Two and a half years of sporadic autonomy talks have not significantly reduced the gap between Egypt, which sees autonomy as a path to Palestinian self-determination, and Israel which wants to preserve its own rule over the occupied Arab areas.

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## Egyptians 'to police occupied islands'

CAIRO, Jan. 15 (R) — Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said today Egyptian civil police would patrol the islands of Tiran and Sinai after the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula in April. Mr. Ali's statement, made to the Middle East News Agency, appeared to be turning down Israeli requests that troops of a multi-national peace-keeping force be stationed on the strategic islands. An Israeli official said in Jerusalem today that Israel wanted guarantees that the force would be deployed there, and that the islands, which dominate the straits of Tiran, would remain under Egyptian sovereignty after April. Saudi Arabia handed the islands over to Egypt before Israel took them in the 1967 war and the Saudis intend to reclaim them.



U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, surrounded by bodyguards, strolls past the Montefiore Windmill in Jerusalem Friday during a break in talks on Palestinian 'autonomy'.

## Iraq rejects Syrian mediation, paper says

BEIRUT, Jan. 15 (R) — An official Iraqi newspaper said today that Baghdad would not agree to Syria mediating in its war with Iran.

After Syrian President Hafez Al Assad toured Arab Gulf states at the end of last year, Syrian and Gulf sources said Damascus had agreed to approach Iran about

ending the war while Gulf leaders would contact Iraq.

Al Thawra, newspaper of the Baath Party, said in an editorial quoted by the Iraqi News Agency that it had not occurred to Baghdad that the "deviationist regime" in Syria could play the role of mediator.

"If the mediation of the

Damascus rulers is being undertaken at the request of the Khomeini regime under the impact of the bitter defeats and huge losses it has suffered in recent battles... then talk of such mediation is only an attempt to save the Iranian regime," Al Thawra said.

Since the Arab mediation

efforts were reported, there has been little sign of any change in the deadlock between the two warring countries in the Gulf.

An Iraqi military communiqué quoted by the news agency today said 54 Iranians and five Iraqis had died in fighting over the past 24 hours.

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Some right-wing Israeli politicians are campaigning to

postpone the vote on a Jordanian resolution calling for

sanctions against Israel.

The meeting had been scheduled for today. Full text of

Jordanian resolution, page 8

Mitterrand to visit Israel in March

PARIS, Jan. 15 (R) — President Francois Mitterrand of France will make a long-postponed trip to Israel in early March, the first visit to

Israel by a French president.

Both governments confirmed

the visit today and an Israeli

spokesman in Tel Aviv said his government was delighted.

Israel has in the past accused

France of a pro-Arab bias.

Mr. Mitterrand first promised

to visit Israel soon after his

election in May last year and the

trip was eventually fixed for this

February.

Last month, however,

diplomatic sources said Mr.

Mitterrand had told Arab League

Secretary-General Chadi Klibi he

would not go to Tel Aviv in

February as planned because

Eugene V. Rostow, director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, said in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Wednesday that "it's much too soon to tell whether (the Geneva talks) have promise or not." Mr. Rostow has previously characterised the two negotiating teams as "far apart."

The Soviet news agency TASS suggested on Tuesday, the day

negotiations were resumed after a

four week holiday recess, that the

United States, by imposing

sanctions against Moscow over the

## Vocational training in Jordan (Part 5)

## Rigid army training: a godsend to industry

This is the fifth in a series of six parts in which Dina Matar looks in depth into vocational training in Jordan. In the first four articles, published consecutively from last Monday, the writer dealt with the social changes brought about by industrialisation, categorised the various vocations recognised in the country and outlined the roles played by the Vocational Training Corporation, the Ministry of Education and UNRWA. In today's article, she looks into the role played by the Armed Forces in training Jordanians for the vocations.

THE JORDANIAN Armed Forces have played a significant role in producing skilled labourers in the country. This role has not floundered over the years. On the contrary, the Armed Forces plan to build a new training school to

complement the already existing Royal Ordnance School near Zarqa.

Plans for the projected school, to be completed by the end of 1982, are well underway. Officials predict that the school, to be

named the Martyr Faisal College, would have the capacity to train as many as 1,400 trainees a year.

At present, the army's only training school accepts between 1,200 and 800 trainees every year. What makes the Royal Ordnance School special, is the fact that it is "open" to all. Most applicants are accepted irrespective of their age: the only pre-requisite is a minimum of preparatory school education.

To Jordanians the Armed Forces programmes have been the most integrated type of training. Not that the Royal Ordnance School is different from other training institutions in terms of its courses, but the trainees are subjected to a more disciplined type of training. They have to undergo rigid military exercises and are equipped upon graduation with skill and perseverance to face the many complexities of military life.

The training programmes are tailored to fit the needs of the army, and some uniquely specialisations, such as "tank maintenance" are only found at the school. According to army officials, the need for vocational training has increased over the years, not only in the civilian sector but in the army as well, and the Armed Forces have supplied hundreds of skilled Jordanian labourers.

The only shortcoming of army training, according to the general outlook here, is that all trainees have to be drafted. Sometimes, students apply to the school only after all other outlets have been closed to them, complained one.

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Military training is not easy. In fact, all trainees have to pass a tough physical fitness test prior to their acceptance at the school, and rigid military life is maintained throughout the 18-month training period. "Of course, rigid training is part of our objectives," Col. Adnan Qusad, head of the Royal Ordnance School, told the Jordan Times. "But our trainees have additional benefits. Not only do they graduate with a job ready for them, but they also are provided with clothing, free lodging, as well as food throughout their training period." Coming from the poorer strata of the Jordanian society, many applicants have found these fringe benefits a godsend.

Although most applicants are accepted at the school, each one has to undergo some tests to evaluate his abilities. "Some students might have a more advanced educational background; con-

sequently they get a higher rank and more pay," Col. Qusad explained.

The programmes, although emphasising practical training, devote 50 per cent of the time to academic instruction as well, and most trainees have a chance to continue their training either in the school itself or outside the country, according to the opportunities available and the needs of the armed forces. Perhaps the Armed Forces have been the only agency that offers its trainees the chance to pursue their education, and many graduates boast of scholarships abroad where they acquire additional skills.

The Royal Ordnance School complements the vocational training centres of the Ministry of Education, and there is a sort of an unwritten agreement between the two parties to cooperate in the inception of vocational training schemes in the country. "The Ministry of Education, although responsible for a large section of the Jordanian population, cannot possibly offer its services to all," Col. Qusad said. "So, we try to help out, and the result is beneficial to both parties."

During the past few years, training in the Armed Forces has undergone some substantial changes. Instead of strict training

at the Royal Ordnance School, some of the trainees have undertaken on-the-job training, thus emulating training institutions in other countries.

"This kind of training produces even more efficient labourers," Col. Qusad said. "And, in the long run, the trainees become more devoted to their jobs, since they become more trained."

To date, the Armed Forces have not provided training to females. Col. Qusad pointed out that the Jordanian society has not yet accepted such a "radical" shift in attitude. "We do not know what

will happen in the next few years, but until now females are not included in our vocational training schemes," he said.

Until the new Martyr Faisal College is completed, the existing training school will continue to cater for about 1,000 vocational trainees a year. "We have great plans for the future, because with the initiation of the new school, which will offer a variety of training programmes, we will attract more people to join the Armed Forces — a course which will not only benefit the army but the country as well," Col. Qusad said.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

## Exhibitions

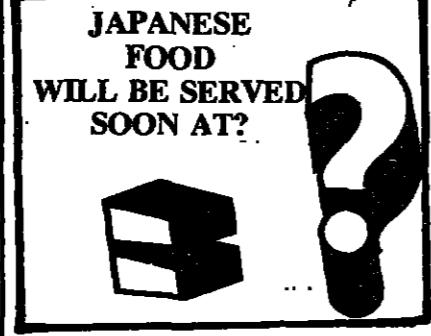
- The Canadian Photography Exhibition, at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel (ends today)
- Architect and Computer (A Man - Machine - System), an exhibition by the Goethe Institute with the Engineers Association, at the Professional Associations Complex (ends today)

## Film

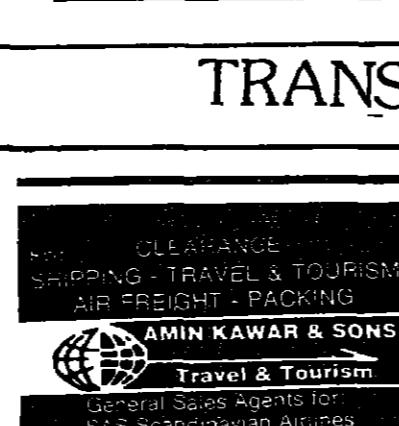
- The French Cultural Centre presents "La Communion Solennelle" (sub-titled in Arabic), at 7:30 p.m.

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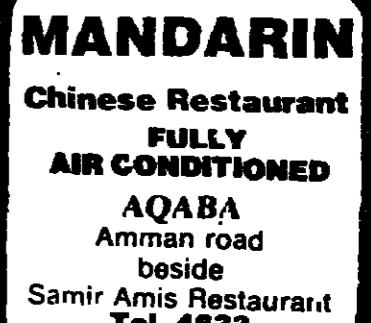
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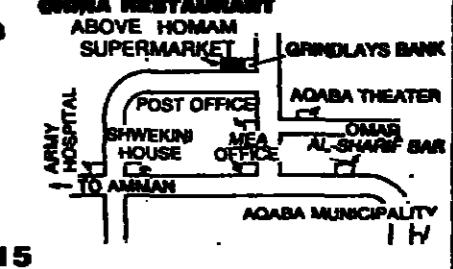
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## MISCELLANEOUS



## NATIONAL

## Iraq-Jordan health panel ends meeting

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (Petra) — A Jordanian-Iraqi follow-up committee, stemming from a health cooperation agreement signed between the two countries, ended its meetings at the Ministry of Health yesterday.

The participants in the meeting, presided over by Health Minister Zuhair Malhas, stressed the importance of unifying the protection policies of the two countries; recommended the formation of a joint specialised technical committee to study the integration of the serum and vaccine industry, and called for exchange of information on medicine imports and prices.

The Iraqi members of the joint committee, headed by Dr. Sa'doun Khalifa, left Amman for Baghdad yesterday.

## Aqaba religious camp opens

AQABA, Jan. 15 (Petra) — Islam is the religion of progress and continuity, and the rejection of modernisation and progress is a crime according to the Islamic Shar'a, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif said during the opening of a camp for religious preachers in Aqaba today.

Mr. Sharif urged religious preachers participating in the camp to stress the building up of national unity, so as not to give the enemy the chance to destroy and sabotage.

## Little League football winners honoured along with sponsors

By Josephine Musbahwar  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 15 — The Little League Association held a reception today at the Sheraton Palace Hotel to present awards to the winners of the 1981 football (soccer) season.

In the senior division, Jordan Intercontinental (11-15 years) came first. Arab Wings won in the middle division (eight to 10 years), and Citibank won in the junior division (five to seven years). Members of the three teams received trophies, besides the patches presented to all the teams.

The sponsors of all teams received plaques. For the junior division, they were Citibank, the Royal Jordanian Falcons, Abdallah Issa Kafna (AIK) and Chase Manhattan Bank. For the



Hassan  
back from  
W. Germany

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan returned home yesterday after a working visit to West Germany.

Crown Prince Hassan met with West German President Karl Carstens and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and discussed with them Jordanian-German relations and cooperation.

The Crown Prince was received at Amman Airport by Court Minister Amer Khammash, German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Münz and a number of senior officials.

## New airport set for completion by August

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (Petra) — The Ministry of Transport will hand over the Queen Alia International Airport, with all its equipment, to the Civil Aviation Department in the beginning of August, Ministry of Transport Under-Secretary Hashem Al Taher told reporters who toured the airport yesterday.

## Arbor Day celebrations start today at 9:30

## For Arbor Day

## Tree planters invade Yajouz

Text and photos  
by Suzanne Zar'um-Black  
Special to the Jordan Times

YAJOUZ, Jan. 15 (J.T.) — Arbor Day celebrations will be held at the Queen Alia International Airport on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein, it was announced today.

The celebration, in which King Hussein will plant a tree to start a projected forest surrounding the new airport, had originally been scheduled for a later hour.

Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin told reporters today that although Arbor Day is celebrated all over Jordan on Jan. 15 each year, as Jan. 15 is a Friday this year it will be held on Jan. 16.

He added that the celebration will

continue for about a month under the patronage of district officers and with the participation of all citizens.

Mr. Taher told the visiting reporters that the cost of the airport is JD 85 million. He added that by the end of 1982, when the airport is completed, the planes of about 32 international airline companies will be using this international airport.

Interest in the plantations has generated other activities in the children's club, such as writing and painting competitions centring



Italian Ambassador to Jordan Marquis Fabrizio Rossi Longhi and his family help a seedling get started

around the subject. Miss Malatjalian said that the results of these will be shown on television at a later date.

The club has also initiated school projects, in which students

take an active role in creating greenery around their schools.

Embassy staff members and their children were well represented this morning, and joined in the hard work. One ambassador

took a break to tell the Jordan times that tradition in his country holds that there are "three essential things to be done in a man's life: to write a book, to produce a son and to plant a tree."



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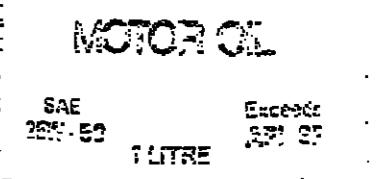
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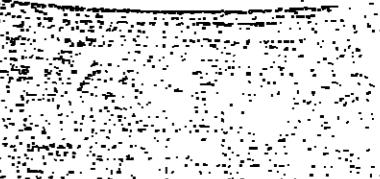
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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## Alia draws competition winners

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Alia yesterday attended celebrations marking the 18th anniversary of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline's establishment, which was marked by a drawing to select the winners in a competition Alia held on this occasion. The competition included questions about Alia and its activities. About 12,000 Jordanian and Arab citizens participated, of whom 700 came up with the correct answers. The first five winners of the competition will get free tickets to, and lodgings for one week in, one of the Arab and European countries on Alia's routes.

## Foreign labour use principles mooted

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (Petra) — A meeting at the Ministry of Labour today discussed measures to organise the employment of non-Jordanian workers in Jordan, with special reference to a recent decision waiving residence permit requirements for Egyptian workers, a ministry spokesman said today. He said that the participants in the meeting, who represented the ministries of labour, health and the interior, laid down a number of principles that would govern the employment of non-Jordanian workers. These principles will be referred to the cabinet for approval.

## Madaba bus stops assigned

MADABA, Jan. 15 (Petra) — Locations for stops on all bus and car routes in Madaba District, and on the roads leading to Amman, were fixed at a meeting presided over by Madaba District Governor Jamal Al Momani today. The participants in the meeting decided to move all bus stops from the city to a public centre which was chosen for this purpose. A period of 10 days has been set for the implementation of this decision.

## Belgian deans end visit

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (Petra) — A delegation of deans from the Belgian University of Louvain left here yesterday after a four-day visit to Jordan. The delegation visited the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University, and held talks with their officials on ways to boost and strengthen cooperation between the University of Louvain and the Jordanian universities. In a departure statement, a member of the delegation praised the standard of education in Jordan.

## Seminar set on commercial terms

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (Petra) — In light of newly introduced international commercial terminology, a seminar will be held on Saturday to discuss such terms. The participants in the three-day seminar will discuss usage in bills of sale, changes in transport technology, documentation, the law on the transportation of goods and the 1980 commercial terms.

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## Broadway Al

REPORTERS travelling to the Middle East earlier this week with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig asked Mr. Haig's party if the United States planned to appoint a special representative to the Camp David "autonomy" negotiations. The answer was that an envoy would be named only if doing so would help achieve specific progress. "If not, if there are more difficult substantive problems," the reporters were told by a senior American official, "I don't think it's appropriate to engage in theatre for theatre's sake."

That is most peculiar, indeed, coming as it does from one of the more theatrical travelling shows we can recall in recent history. The trip that Mr. Haig has just concluded to Egypt and Israel is probably a sincere American attempt to make peace, and in this it reflects American naivete more than it does a malicious spirit. The American administration is not mean-spirited; it is simply prone to adopt political expediency as its most important determinant of what is possible and desirable. Therefore Mr. Haig and his people keep trying to squeeze life out of a lifeless process because they are not faced with any compelling reason to do otherwise. The lack of a serious Arab political offensive or even a unified Arab position allows the curtain to keep rising and falling on the dramatic impulses of Mr. Haig and his fellow players. It is, in fact, the only show in town, but the trouble is that it is more of a show than a substantive attempt at peace-making. Mr. Haig will be back in a few weeks for more of the same. To do an encore, perhaps? To bask in the lights and the applause, to listen to the ferocious cheering of the ignorant? Is this not much sound and fury, signifying nothing? Isn't Broadway the place for such a performance?

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

### A humanitarian call

AL RA'I: Stemming from its pan-Arab role and from its responsibility as an elected member of the United Nations Security Council, Jordan has submitted a draft resolution to the Security Council, calling for imposing punishment on Israel for defying the collective international will by rejecting the decision to rescind its annexation of the Golan Heights.

Jordan's draft resolution outlines the appropriate measures which the Security Council had warned it would impose against Israel if the Zionist state did not retract its decision to annex the Golan Heights. It is because of this fact that no excuse can be justified to obstruct the approval of this resolution, and particularly so if this obstruction is the use of the right to veto the resolution.

Everyone should be reminded that obstructing the approval of a resolution to punish Israel also means stopping the resolution which the Security Council had adopted against Israel. This will create a grave precedent. It must also be said that it will neither be in the interest of the peace in the region nor in the interest of Arab-U.S. relation if the United States vetoes the Security Council resolution. This means that the United States had not been serious when it approved the unanimous Security Council's warning to Israel last month.

It is no exaggeration to say that using the right to veto the expected Security Council resolution will be considered as blessing the law of the jungle and obstructing the role of the United Nations.

The Jordanian draft resolution submitted to the Security Council will, if approved, restore confidence in the United Nations and in its ability to carry out its resolutions. It will also be the touchstone that will expose intentions and give the Arabs the chance to reconsider their stands.

### An expected abortive attempt

AL DUSTOUR: It is clear that the U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has not succeeded in his mission to revive autonomy talks. His failure has been evident in his decision to cut short his mission and take off for Washington without returning to Cairo.

It has been said that Haig's mission was to listen the Israeli and Egyptian points of view, and that he did not come with any views of his own to activate autonomy talks. But Alexander Haig was hoping to approximate the stands of Cairo and Tel Aviv in order to eliminate their major differences on autonomy. Hence his failure was not unexpected.

Whereas Egypt insists on a complete autonomy for the people and the land and oil keeping the door open for the Palestinians to practice their right to self-determination, Israel doggedly clings to its traditional stand rejecting the idea of autonomy including the citizens of the Holy City and insisting that autonomy only applies to the people and not to the land which will be under Israeli sovereignty.

Haig found himself in the blind alley which autonomy talks entered two years ago. It is clear now that Cairo will not sign any document on autonomy that bars the basic rights of the Palestinian people. It seems that Israel understands Egypt's intentions and it is most probable that it will not risk cancelling its withdrawal from Sinai because it understands that may jeopardise the peace treaty with Egypt and, consequently, will deprive it of its greatest political achievement: taking the Egyptian military force out of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Thus Haig will return to Washington with nothing new to offer President Reagan. And as long as Washington refuses to assume its role as a "responsible partner" in the talks and remains content with being a "spectator", Israel will not be forced to change its stand.

## JORDAN IN THE YEAR 2000

### A new era

By Dr. Zaki M. Ayoubi

We are at the dawn of a new era. Within the remaining two decades of the century, Jordan will have gone through a process of transformation and change that will touch on every social and material aspect of its existence. A visitor to the country in 1950 will not recognise Jordan of the year 2000.

The social fabric of the country, its physical appearance, where most people live, how most will earn a living, the nature of family relations, the role of women, and the main challenges we have to face will be of a radically different nature from what they were a generation earlier.

The seeds of social change were planted in the 1950s and 1960s. They took root in the 1970s. Now is the time that a traditional society is giving birth to a modern one.

Four main forces are shaping and will continue to have a major impact on Jordanian society until the end of the century. These powerful forces are urbanisation, industrialisation, bureaucratisation and centralisation. The net effect of these forces is a social revolution. But Jordan and most of the Arab World are not only in the midst of a socio-economic upheaval caused by conditions of modernisation, we are also

open to the revolution in communications, electronics and biology-based sciences that is engulfing the industrialised world.

The dynamics of social change are put in motion by external and internal pressures. The social system is subject to environmental constraints and limitations of natural resources within Jordan. It is also affected by the changing demographic realities; the composition of its population, not only in age and living conditions, but also in the health, educational and intellectual characteristics. Jordan is open to the impact of technological innovation and is subject to the stresses and opportunities of new technologies. Jordan's social

system is also a subsystem of Arab society. Through economic exchange and political interaction, emigration, immigration, communication and transportation links, Jordan is affected by changes in Arab countries at large. Jordan's society is also affected by the threat and challenge created by Israel militarily, culturally and technologically.

Arab and Jordanian societies are striving to meet the challenge and in the process they are undergoing rapid social change.

Jordanian society also faces internal stresses. The role of individual is changing. The roles of men, women and youth are being transformed. The social values that evolved from our rural and desert roots are being replaced with new values

reflecting urban and industrial society. It is true that certain social characteristics will remain as part of our identity. But it is also true that our view of the world, our patterns of thinking, our interaction and consequently our behaviour is changing. Jordanians now born in the cities will have different values with more emphasis on materialism and utilitarianism.

In an increasingly impersonal culture, social status will be linked more to material possessions rather than to tribal or family affiliation. An urban individual will give more importance to expediency and practicality than to honour and pride. Tensions are created by conflict between new and old values, morals and habits.

What will be the broad patterns of social change? How will the forces of modernisation affect our socio-political system? What will be the main challenges facing us in the 1980s and beyond? While the immediate set of circumstances in Jordan and our region are very important and pressing, it is equally vital to share ideas and visions of the future. It is hoped that such an exercise will not only broaden our intellectual horizons, it will also help us in making better decisions today.

## Will Trudeau fight again?

By Charles J. Hanley

audience, then jetted off to New York for a weekend of discoing.

At a pre-Christmas news conference, he said that he has no immediate plans for retirement, but no plans to run for office again either.

Canada's longtime head of government "retired" once before. In November 1979, six months after his Liberals were ousted by the Progressive Conservatives in National elections. The out-of-power Trudeau announced he would surrender the party leadership to a time of decision: stay on or step down.

He dropped many hints recently that he is yearning for early retirement and has acted like a man with no political future. He turned a recent dinner speech into a rambling and impolite assault on his

new elections, which they won in February 1980.

After that victory, he said he would not run again, indicating he would leave the prime ministry in two or three years. His final major project was to be the reform of Canada's antiquated constitutional system, a reform he hoped would at last make his native Quebec feel at home in this English-dominated confederation.

On Dec. 2, when the House of Commons approved his constitutional resolution, Trudeau's relief could almost be felt in the chamber's high galleries. As house members stood one by one at their desks to vote, the gray-haired chief slumped back into his chair, breathed deeply and gave a heavy sigh.

But the "Quebec problem," if anything, has deepened with the recent constitutional settlement.

Quebec's separatist party leader René Levesque, denounced the new constitution as an infringement on the French-speaking province's autonomous rights. Levesque's Parti Québécois has decided to fight the next provincial election on the independence issue — possibly as early as 1982.

Asked at a recent news conference whether he stood by his previous statements that he would not contest another election, the prime minister replied, "I just might be roped into it. It wouldn't be my desire, mind you... but sometimes you can't resist a draft, can you?"

Among Canadians, the perfectly bilingual, bicultural Trudeau has always inspired either love or hate. Many Westerners regard him as a haughty French-Canadian intellectual. Some hard-line French Quebec nationalists consider him an agent of English Canada and put the accent on his middle name, inherited from his half-Scottish mother.

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He and Canada took a big step toward that goal in 1969, with adoption of the official languages act, which imposed bilingualism on the federal government. As a consequence, the number of French-Canadians in federal service rose to correspond with their 27 per cent share of the population, and their clout in Ottawa

rose accordingly.

Opinion polls indicate, nevertheless, that more and more Quebecers — 29 per cent in the latest survey — are embracing the idea of seceding from Canada.

If Trudeau steps down, the delicate Canada-Quebec equation would shift dramatically. Many here expect him to announce his intentions early in the new year.

— Associated Press

## Invasion of Taiwan market

By Roland-Pierre Paringaux

French "aggressiveness" in Asian markets is something you don't often hear mentioned. Yet this is precisely what Taiwanese officials and some European business competitors here are doing. The attention paid by France, or rather

in deference to the fact that there are no diplomatic conventions at all between the two countries — by French commerce in the "other China" is matched only by the Taiwanese leaders' interest in France and Europe early as 1982.

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The Taiwan Foreign Ministry's Raymond Hoo, who deals with European questions, told me: "The Europeans thought our economy was under American control, that there was no room for them. After the diplomatic break, they found themselves in a similar competitive position. Our diplomatic setbacks have not wiped out the ties. They may not be official, but they have in fact

## Settlers refuse to leave Sinai

By David Bloom

men are armed. Members of the Gush Emunim (faith bloc) movement, who have a biblical perception of Israel's borders, are active in the anti-withdrawal campaign. Last month 15 families established the settlement of Hazar Adar on wind-swept sand dunes several kilometres south of Yamit, ignoring government warnings that the action was illegal.

"We're here to save the soul of the nation," said Ephraim Peleg, 27, who recently moved from the Jewish West Bank township of Beth El.

Cautious official treatment of Gush Emunim activities is evident in Yamit where Gush members have moved into a government motel and converted a ministry of education field school into a Yeshiva (religious training college).

Motel caretaker Eli Aharon said all rooms were taken but the residents were not paying any fees nor paying for water or electricity.

Last week a new government-funded Mikve (ritual bath) building was dedicated at Atzmona, another settlement set up to protest against the 1978 Camp David accords which committed Israel to return the peninsula to Egypt in return for peace.

Anti-withdrawal sentiments have increased sharply in Israel since the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in November.

A Jerusalem Post poll this week showed that only 50 per cent of the Israeli public believes that Egypt will maintain the peace process after Sinai. More than 25 per cent predicted that Egypt would break the treaty.

Hanani Porat, of the right-wing Tehiya party, recently set up home in Yamit and is firmly convinced the Sinai settlements will not be evacuated. "The biblical return to Zion will not be destroyed," he proclaimed in the Knesset (parliament).

But the blackened shells of burnt-out houses and the desert sands creeping over the once-neat gardens have already given Yamit the look of a ghost town.

Those who remain feel their future is not yet clear. "This is the Middle East and a lot can happen in 100 days," said Mr. Peleg.

— *Reuter*

(except for Rhone-Poulenc) before 1980, they now have

like most of their competitors — their association for promoting trade, through it has no official standing.

French trade missions keep coming in, and, apart from the two banks, big firms like Michelin, Creusot-Loire and Chargeurs Reunis have just opened offices in Taipei. Other companies like Pechiney and Thomson are said to be interested. Peugeot and Renault have technical and commercial agreements with local manufacturers for building 50s and R-9s respectively. The drive appears to have got off to a good start.

The results weren't long in coming. In 1980, the European Economic Community urged Japan out as Taiwan's second export market. Taiwan showed a total volume of trade worth about \$500 million. However, to avoid one-way trade and friction with its partners, Taiwan bought four Airbuses, lifted the ban on European car imports, signed a number of contracts (one of them for steel-mill equipment from France) and granted the Taipei underground railway feasibility study contract to the British.

The most spectacular gesture, however, and doubtless politically the most far-reaching, was unquestionably its purchase from the Netherlands of two submarines worth \$500 million. Peking's immediate reaction was to reduce Holland's diplomatic mission in Peking to that of a chargé d'affaires, while the Taiwanese expressed their satisfaction by signing additional contracts with Dutch firms to the tune of \$100 million. All this, of course, was sufficient to stimulate the imagination of many a competitor and prod them into taking risks.

But if the Dutch have cause for satisfaction, the French have no less. As one European competitor noted bitterly: "Taiwan shows France and its nuclear and military specialities great consideration and with their system of export credits the French can undercut prices." Though far less visible than the British, the West Germans and the Dutch here, the French have high expectations. Barely present in the island

*Le Monde*

## ECONOMY

## Reagan pledges to end U.S. recession

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (R) — President Reagan pledged yesterday that he would end the U.S. recession, and said his economic policies would restore prosperity earlier than expected.

Mr. Reagan, who had earlier predicted an upturn in the economy in the second half of 1982, did not announce any new timetable for recovery.

"We are in recession...but we'll work our way out of it and faster than expected," he said in a speech here.

His remarks appeared to be an effort to reassure worried financial markets, which have shown increasing concern in recent days about the depth of the recession and prospects that U.S. interest rates will soon rise again.

High interest rates make borrowing more expensive for industry, hindering expansion. A

further slowdown in industrial growth would boost unemployment, now at 8.9 per cent of the workforce.

Concern about the economy has caused share prices to fall, with the Dow Jones industrial average tumbling 43.57 points in the first three days of this week.

The Republican president blamed the previous Democratic government of Jimmy Carter for the recession.

"Our administration is a cleanup crew for those who went on a non-stop binge and left the tab for us to pick up," he said in a prepared address to the New York Partnership, a group of business and civic leaders promoting private initiative, as opposed to government action, in efforts to improve economic and social conditions.

He voiced renewed confidence

that his plan of sweeping reductions in government spending on social programmes, major cuts in taxes and scaling down of government regulations affecting business would bring new prosperity for Americans.

The president said that an increase in savings of as little as two per cent would add almost \$60 billion a year to capital pools to fight high interest rates and finance new investment, mortgages and jobs.

He called for a "renaissance of the American community" and said "we're living with the misery of mistakes. The best view of any government is in a rear-view mirror as we leave it behind... today I'm appealing to the American people — ignore the prophets of failure who are paralysed with fear."

Investors' concern about the economy has been fuelled by predictions from several analysts of higher interest rates. The widely-respected Henry Kaufman, chief economist for the investment banking firm Salomon Brothers, believes they could challenge the record levels of 1981.

The prime rate charged by banks to their most creditworthy customers stood at 21.5 per cent last January and, after some fluctuations, is now at 15.75 per cent.

Many economists believe that unless there is some sign that the predicted record deficits in the government's budgets for 1983 and 1984 will be brought down, interest rates will rise in those two years as the Treasury and companies fight for funds in the credit markets.

## World tungsten pact prospects recede

By Brij Khindaria

**GENEVA:** Prospects for an international commodity agreement to stabilise tungsten prices have worsened considerably following differences among producers and consumers at last month's Geneva talks.

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## No-hoppers await World Cup finals draw

LONDON, Jan. 15 (R) — The no-hoppers among the 24 World Soccer Cup finalists will come with tantalising touching distance of the object of their desires tomorrow night.

The magnificent gold trophy will be on view in Madrid's Congress Palace during the draw for the 1982 finals—and that is about as near as Algérie, Cameroun, El Salvador and the like will ever be to snatching soccer's glittering prize.

The 13-year-old son of King Juan Carlos and heir to the Spanish throne, will preside over the proceedings.

But the actual draw will be made by the boys from a Madrid Orphanage who traditionally pick the numbered balls in Spain's National Lottery.

The following is a guide to the 24 nations who will go into the hat for the finals to be held in Spain from June 13 to July 11.

### Argentina

Holders: Perhaps not the force of 1978, but Osvaldo Ardiles, Kempes and Daniel Passarella are still around. They also have the little magician Diego Maradona. Their seventh appearance in the finals Bookmakers odds 5/1.

### Brazil

Winners in 1958, 1962 and 1970. Manager Telê Santana has turned the clock back and packed the side with skilful individuals who strolled through their qualifying group against Bolivia and Venezuela without conceding a goal. Zico may even upset Maradona. The Brazilian Maestros have contested all 12 previous finals and are 5/2 favourites for a fourth triumph.

### West Germany

Winners in 1954 and 1974 and reigning European champions. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Paul Breitner and Bernd Schuster were put the continent's top three players and if Schuster recovers from injury and makes his peace with manager Jupp Derwall the West German could again go all the way. They won all eight qualifying games, scoring 33 goals and conceding three. 9/2.

### Italy

Winners in 1934 and 1938. They remain one of the hardest teams to beat—and watch—after finishing second in their qualifying group with just 12 goals from eight games. The clutch of Juventus veterans provide the backbone of the side although Paolo Rossi will be available for Spain. 10th appearance, 10/1.

### Soviet Union

Many experts fancy them to contest the final with Brazil and the presence of Ramaz Shengelia, Alexandre Chivadze, Oleg Blokhin and David Kipiani puts the Soviet Union in the very top drawer. Six wins and two draws in their group earned them a fifth appearance, 12/1.

### England

The 1966 winners are not as good as their fans proclaim but not as bad as their critics suggest. Cyrille Regis, Tony Morley and Glenn Hoddle are outstanding youngsters—but will manager Ron Greenwood give them their chance? On the evidence of their inept qualifying form their odds of 14/1 look generous. Seventh appearance.

### Poland

Much will depend on how the players have coped with the political upheaval at home. Won all four games in their three-nation group but unlikely to repeat the success of 1974 when they finished third. Fourth appearance, 20/1.

### Scotland

On paper, they have as good a chance as any of reaching the second round. But the Scots are never quite as impressive once the whistle blows, despite their impressive qualifying group form. Kenny

Dalglish is back at his best, however, and few can rival the Liverpool's striker's deft touches. Fifth appearance, 20/1.

### Czechoslovakia

Twice runners-up but their ageing team may struggle in the heat of Spain. Much depends on the goal-scoring ability of captain Zdenek Netoda. Finished second behind the Soviet Union in the preliminaries to reach their seventh final, 25/1.

### France

A delight to watch when Michel Platini, Dominique Rocheteau and Didier Six are in full flow, although they only reached the finals for the eighth time by winning their last group game. The French appear entertainers rather than prospective champions, 25/1.

### Belgium

European championship runners-up in 1980 and comfortable group winners ahead of France. François Van der Elst, Jan Ceulemans and Erwin Vandenberghe are the envy of most nations although it is still veteran Wilfried van Moer who makes them tick. Sixth appearance, 25/1.

### Peru

Surprisingly beat Uruguay to qualify for the finals for the fourth time. Unlikely to reign in Spain although they could dent a few ambitions, 35/1.

### Hungary

Any side containing Tibor Nyilasi and Andras Torocsik must be taken seriously but the days when the famous cherry red shirts ruled the roost are long gone. Pipped England in their qualifying section but their eighth appearance is unlikely to bring success, 50/1.

### Chile

Eliminated Ecuador and Paraguay to reach the final stages for sixth time and that may be the end of their celebrations, 50/1.

### Austria

Also 50/1 outsiders for their fifth appearance. Finished second to West Germany in their preliminary section but if Hans Krankl's goals have dried up they may not linger in Spain.

### Yugoslavia

Best bet of the outsiders but it remains to be seen if their accent on attack will bring them anything but admiration. Seventh appearance and should make a mockery of the 50/1 odds on offer.

### Northern Ireland

Second behind Scotland in their qualifying group and quite rightly look on reaching Spain as reason enough to celebrate. Second appearance, 100/1.

### Kuwait

Winners of the Asia-Oceania group. First appearance.

### New Zealand

Runners up to Kuwait and in Spain for the same reason. First appearance, 500/1.

### Cameroun

Odds of 1,500/1 look generous.

### Honduras

They face a long journey with the prospect of an early return flight, 5,000/1.

### Algeria

5,000/1.

### Elsalvador

The most experienced of the rank outsiders will be playing in the finals for the second time. Lost all three games in Mexico in 1970 and are unlikely to improve on that record, 5,000/1.

## India 481 declared

### England inspired by Gooch's punishing unbeaten century

MADRAS, India, Jan. 15 (R) — England, inspired by a punishing unbeaten century from Graham Gooch, made a spirited reply to India's first innings of 481 for four declared in the fifth cricket test today.

Opener Gooch dominated first wicket partnership with Chris Tavaré by hammering 117 out of England's 144 for no wicket by the close of the third day.

Play resumes on Sunday after tomorrow's rest day and unless there is a marked deterioration in what has so far been a good batting pitch the five-day match is likely to be drawn and India would retain their 1-0 lead in the six-match series.

England's encouraging response came after India added 86 this morning when they resumed at 395 for two.

Gundappa Viswanath extended his overnight 181 to 222—the record test score by an Indian against England which beat by one run the previous best set by Sunil Gavaskar in 1979—and Yashpal Sharma, 102 at the start today, to 140.

Viswanath and Yashpal added 316 but a total of 415 runs were scored between the fall of the second and third wickets—99 being put on by Dilip Vengsarkar.

### 50th Monte Carlo Rally begins

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Jan. 15 (A.P.) — About 250 drivers from 15 countries will line up for Saturday's start of the 50th Monte Carlo Rally that will pass through snowy mountain passes, icy turns and across flat straightaways.

The oldest automobile rally in the world—it was first run in 1911—ends Friday with a dramatic night run to Monte Carlo by the top 100 qualifiers. Overall, the drivers who finish will have

negotiated 4,000 kilometres of twisting European roads in a series of timed sprints.

The drivers, who will be piloting 28 different makes of car, leave from various European cities before joining up for special timed runs for the final race to the principality of Monaco.

The competition, now dominated by professionals backed by factory teams, is intense.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

1981 by Chicago Tribune

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♦ J 10 3  
♦ A 9 2

**WEST**  
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♦ A 7  
♦ Q 9 6  
♦ 7 6 5

**EAST**  
♦ 8 7  
♦ J 9 3  
♦ 7 4 2  
♦ K Q J 10 4

**SOUTH**  
♦ A K 6 3  
♦ Q 6 2  
♦ Q A K 5  
♦ 8 3

The bidding:

**South** West North East

1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Dble

2 ♦ Pass 3 NT Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♦.

hearts is a superior contract that would have been made easily with careful declarer play.

Declarer held up the ace of clubs until the third round. He discarded a spade from his hand. He did not like his chances—there was no way he could come to nine tricks without developing the heart suit, and he was faced with the problem of keeping East off lead while doing that. The normal way to tackle the suit would be to take a finesse for the jack of hearts, but that would give East two chances to gain the lead—he could win a heart trick with either the ace or the jack and cash enough clubs to defeat the contract.

Obviously, declarer could do nothing if East held the ace of hearts, but he found a way to prevent East from gaining the lead with the jack. After winning the ace of clubs, declarer crossed to his hand with the king of diamonds and led a low heart to the king. When this was demonstrated with a low heart from the table, East played the nine and declarer ducked.

Since the only missing hearts were the ace and jack, South knew that West had to win the trick. Even if he lost two heart tricks to West, there would still be time to set up the heart suit and make three no trump. When in fact West had to win the trick with the ace, declarer was home with an overtrick.

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## FEATURES

## The trouble everybody had getting married

By Michael Olmert

The marriage ceremony — at least from the point of view of the human race — may be the most critical of all man's elaborate rites. Rites of birth, adolescence and death all have about them a tincture of certainty: nature will bring them what we do. But the process of taking a mate and endangering children is too important a matter to be left to chance.

The propagation of the species with any semblance of order or civilisation has thus demanded a suitable ritual. Across all cultural barriers and ranges of geographic diversity, these rites have emphasised fertility, sought to ensure domestic peace, and even encouraged certain games and play to underscore the communal aspects of the coupling. The surprise is that the majority of marriage feasts and ceremonies still include a healthy dose of elements from and allusions to those early performances.

One of the first broad-scale catalogues of these rites appeared in England in 1822. Written by a Lady Augusta Hamilton, it was modestly titled *Marriage Rites, Customs, and Ceremonies of all Nations of the Universe* — which pretty much covered the lot.

Traveller's journals, literary classics, and eyewitness accounts were Hamilton's sources, which she often reproduced verbatim with a charming lack of scepticism. Her account of Athenian marriage customs contains most of the facets we have come to see as important. The bridal house was

decked with flower garlands and a pelt was tied to the front door. The bride brought sieve and a handful of barley to be ground, to show that she was ready for domestic life. Together, the couple ate a quince, to signify that their talk should always be agreeable and peaceful. And the axle of the bride's carriage was ceremonially burned, severing the ties between her old and new life.

In the century and a half since Augusta Hamilton, her work has been superseded by anthropologists, literary scholars and folklorists. Not surprisingly, a great deal of their interest has centered on fertility. Consider the orange blossoms that are the chosen flowers for bridal bouquets among many cultures. A classical legend widely believed during the late Middle Ages and Renaissance said that Jupiter gave Juno the orange at their wedding. Orange trees have always been a symbol of fertility and fruitfulness since they are both evergreen and ever blossoming.

Curiously, games — especially those that involve throwing things — are often associated with weddings. Roman bridegrooms threw nuts at young men in the ceremonial procession. Today, we throw the bouquet and rice (which being seed-like, is an obvious fertility symbol) and garters. The garter throw may hearken back to the Middle Ages and Renaissance, when an important part of the marriage festival was the throwing of the stockings. In those days, it was the custom of the bridesmaids and male attendants to accompany the wedding couple to the marriage chamber, tuck them in bed and then play a little game.

The contest was for each participant to turn away from the reciting couple, toss a bridal stocking over the shoulder, and attempt to hit either the bride or the groom. This game, recorded in 15th-century England, lasted until either the bride or groom was hit on the head, or nose, with his or her own stockings. The winner was seated at next to be married.

Other marriages of the 18th century were celebrated with a race out of the church door and on to the wedding feast at home, perhaps as much as ten miles distant. To the winner went the first piece of bridal cake, or cup of soup or porridge — some tangible reward to the swiftest. The 16th century saw the association of the sport "quintain" with marriage festivals. Quintain had been a medieval game that taught proper lance handling to young knights. In it, a youngster missing a mechanical target was struck from behind by a reciprocating arm weighted with a sandbag. Apparently, this game became a feature of rural weddings, in obvious parody of the royal tilts that occupied the attention of the fashionable at aristocratic marriages.

Another custom, dating from the 16th century, was racing for the special ribbons that graced the bride's hair or her clothes. Immediately after the ceremony, the wedding guests would tumble and grab for these simple prizes, which conferred upon the holders a sort of "king or queen for a day" stature. In fact, the tumult and racing started so soon after the last words of the ceremony that ecclesiastical authorities were hard pressed to keep the game out of the church and chuchyard proper. The antecedents of this game were even more raucous, as the young men strenuously competed at the altar for the bride's garters, which had been decorated with gaily colored ribbons.

As a diversion, the custom of nuptial sports in the countryside arose. Special bridal ribbons, not part of the bride's costume, were made. These were specifically created to be contested for by the nubile among the wedding party. An old parishioner in Danby, Eng-

land, was horrified in 1851 when he witnessed a group of stark naked village lads contending for these bridal prizes. But this was a custom that had been going on for some time, and thus was accorded a certain seal of approval from the law. No snickers allowed.

The wedding cake itself also figures in a kind of aleatory game. A coin or ring would be mixed into the dough and baked into the cake. All things were possible for the guest who was dealt the lucky piece of cake containing the token. An ancient Russian wedding game was for a bride to take off her husband's boots on the wedding night. One contained a jewel; the other a whip. Pure chance would determine whether a joyful partnership or a life under the husband's domination would ensue.

The tradition of "sixpence in my shoe" was thought to confer similar luck on English brides. In fact, the full text of this custom reads:

Something old, something new  
Something borrowed, something blue

And a silver sixpence in your shoe.

It sounds like it has the wisdom of the ancients compressed in its three short lines, but actually was first mentioned in connection with weddings late in the 19th century, as Ann Monsarrat suggests in her survey of wedding history. And the Bride Wore... We can recognise the origin of the colour blue in the line from the adage "Married in blue, love ever true," but

the old, new and borrowed are a puzzle. Silver is associated with the moon and the huntress Diana, Roman patroness of unmarried girls and chastity. In France, marriage couples were escorted to the church surrounded by a silver chain; and in German villages, a bridal cake was baked with a silver coin in it and given to the oldest inhabitant to avoid the evil eye. In American folklore, a silver dime was either swallowed or worn about the neck or in the shoe. Are all these cases holdovers from some ancient bribe to buy off Diana's wrath?

Such may be the stuff of superstition, but the customs persist to this day. In backwoods America it is believed that the first of the bridal pair to step down from the altar will be the first to die. And the idea of lifting the bride over the threshold can be seen in worldwide cultures — from North America to Asia and Africa. The rite had two purposes: to show the bride's kinfolk that she was only unwillingly abandoning them; or to avoid the bad omen for life that would attend an accidental stumble at the doorstep.

The question is: how did all these customs survive, especially since they were handed down informally? The answer is bound up in society's needs. Mainly, it needed people. And not just losers raised singly by forest wolves, so to speak.

— Smithsonian magazine

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## Wanted: Job for Ethiopian exile

RANDALLSTOWN, Maryland, (A.P.) — Former Ethiopian diplomat Kebede Gebrewold was an influential and wealthy man back home but now that he's living here, he's hard put just to find a job.

Readjusting priorities in his life, Mr. Kebede plans to steer his children clear of politics.

"What I am doing now is building for my children," he said. "I want them to have a good life. And I'll tell them to stay out of politics."

Mr. Kebede said he fled his homeland in June 1980 after a leftist overthrow of the government because he felt his life was in danger. He and his family left behind everything except the clothes and some jewelry they were wearing.

Mr. Kebede started working in 1955 as an attaché to Ethiopia's Ministry of Commerce, and rose through the ranks to become

Out of work since April last year, when U.S. government funds for his administrative training job were cut, Mr. Kebede would like to put his knowledge of world politics and African nations to use. But he realises that is unlikely.

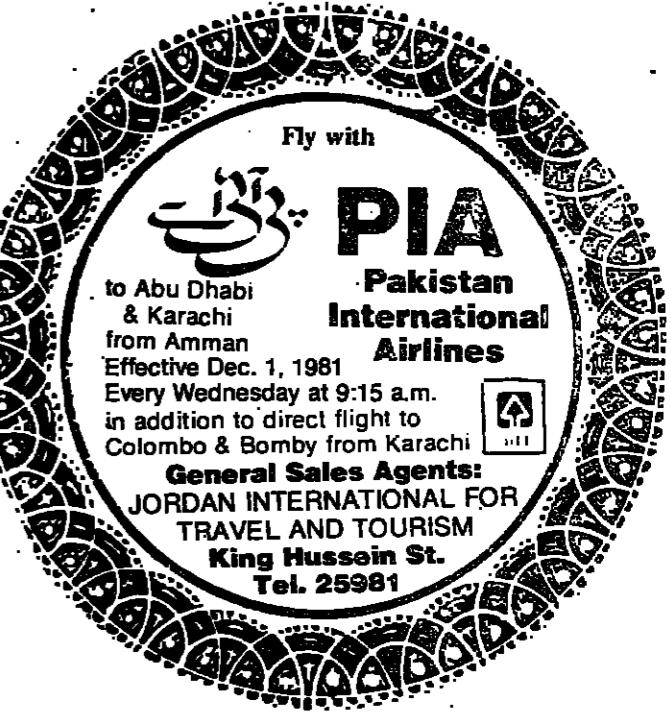
"Now I have reached the stage where I can accept anything as long as I can be of use to someone," the 52-year-old former diplomat said.

"Once I am in a job, I can prove myself. The problem is how to get it."

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"You Americans take so many things for granted — the small fact that you sleep and no one comes to put you in jail. In Ethiopia, if the military doesn't like you, they just eliminate you," he said.

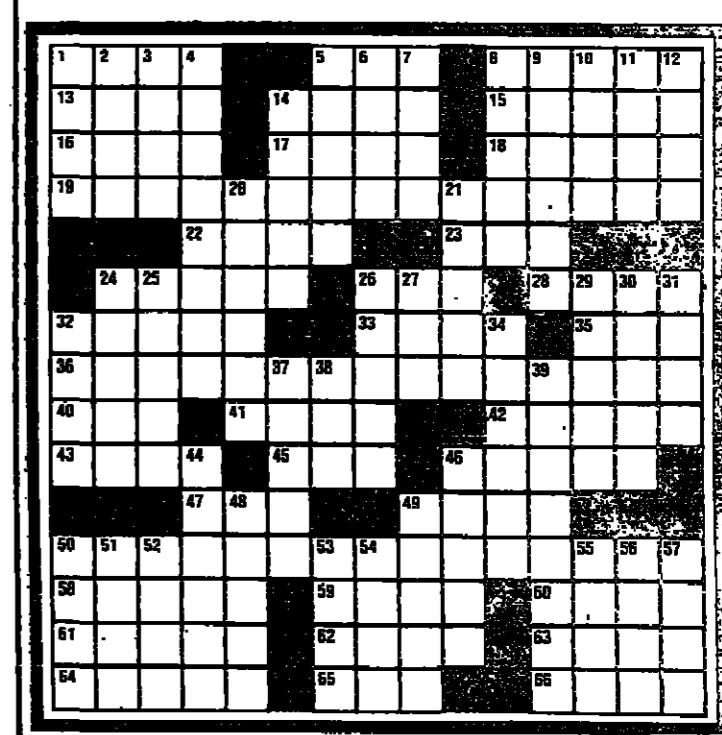
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## THE Daily Crossword

By Nancy S. Ross

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# WORLD

## Church holds up Solidarity's role in solutions for Poland

WARSAW, Jan. 15 (R) — The Roman Catholic Church in Poland has made dialogue with the elected leaders of the Solidarity free trade union a pre-condition for further talks with the military authorities, a church official said today.

He told Reuters that the military council which placed Poland under martial law a month ago appeared to be unsure what to do next.

"The military don't even know when they are going to lift martial law," the official said.

He said the Polish primate, Archbishop Jozef Glemp, had told Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski that talks aimed at extracting Poland from its present political stalemate must involve all genuine social forces including Solidarity.

The military arrested, interned or detained most of Solidarity's leaders and intellectual advisors after the takeover.

The military council made repeated attempts to persuade Solidarity chief Lech Walesa to cooperate. But the church official said he had refused to negotiate without the union's full national leadership.

The church official, who asked not to be named, said senior churchmen had been in contact several times with Mr. Walesa.

"But it is not up to us to persuade him. This is a matter for the government and Solidarity to sort out between them," he said.

## Roosevelt tapes surface

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (R) — President Franklin Roosevelt secretly recorded conversations in the White House 30 years before the same deed led to Richard Nixon's disgrace and resignation over the Watergate scandal, according to an historian.

Prof. R.J.C. Butow said in American Heritage magazine that President Roosevelt used a primitive recording device in the Oval Office for 11 weeks in 1940 because he wanted an "unassailable record" of press conferences.

Prof. Butow, of the University of Washington at Seattle, said Mr. Roosevelt's recordings were made after the president was incorrectly quoted as making a politically damaging statement.

But eight hours of private conversations were also made "probably accidentally," the professor added at a press conference on Wednesday.

Among the items were a warning 14 months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour that "...this country is ready to pull the trigger if the Japs do anything."

Mr. Roosevelt continued: "The

## Mass murderer given life term in British Columbia

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Jan. 15 (R) — A Canadian construction worker was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for the murder of 11 teenagers.

In a dramatic reversal of an earlier not guilty plea, Clifford Olson, 42-year-old married man with an infant son, changed his stand and pleaded guilty.

After a short deliberation the jury announced they accepted the plea of guilty.

British Columbia Supreme Court Judge Harry McKay sentenced Olson to 11 concurrent life sentences and recommended that he should never be eligible for parole.

"I don't have words to describe the enormity of your crime..." he said.

Olson was arrested last August and charged with the murders of seven missing girls and three boys, aged nine to 18, whose battered bodies were dug up by police in remote parts of the Vancouver area during the summer.

All the victims were Canadians, except for Sigrid Charlotte Arndt, an 8-year-old visitor from West Germany, who was killed last July 25.

Prosecution lawyers added an 11th charge of murder, of another local teenage girl, during yesterday's hearing and Olson immediately pleaded guilty.

It was the biggest mass murder case in British Columbia history.

## Hoxha reappears to name new premier for Albania

BELGRADE, Jan. 15 (R) — Albanian Communist Party leader Enver Hoxha, whose possible death in a gun fight had been reported in Yugoslavia, attended a parliamentary session in Tirana yesterday. Albanian diplomats in Belgrade said.

They quoted Radio Tirana as saying Mr. Hoxha had attended the session to propose Adil Carcani as prime minister to succeed Mehmet Shehu, who was officially reported to have committed suicide last month after a nervous breakdown.

Mr. Shehu's death provoked stories in the Yugoslav press that he had been either murdered or forced to commit suicide after a

"The main problem appears to be that Gen. Jaruzelski does not know how to go about re-establishing dialogue and what groups to involve."

### TASS: Haig speaks up on Poland but keeps silent on Israeli acts

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (R) — The Soviet news agency TASS today described calls by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig for more democracy in Poland as hypocrisy.

It contrasted his outspoken views on the Polish crisis with what it called his silence over Israel's attacks on Arab countries and its annexation of the Golan Heights.

"Facts prove again and again that the prattling by Haig and company about non-interference in the domestic affairs of sovereign countries and their commitment to the cause of 'democracy and freedom' are nothing but demagogic and hypocrisy," TASS said.

The Soviet Union has been attacking the United States since NATO countries this week suspended credits to Warsaw and threatened Moscow with sanctions over martial law in Poland.

By comparing events in Poland with Israel's actions, TASS appeared to be continuing a theme touched on in a statement on the Polish crisis on Wednesday.

### Mrs. Gandhi reshuffles cabinet

NEW DELHI, Jan. 15 (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi today announced a major reshuffle of her cabinet, aimed at improving its performance and at implementing a new 20-point economic programme.

The changes, just hours after Mrs. Gandhi unveiled the new economic programme, were the most sweeping made to the cabinet since the Indian leader returned to power two years ago.

The most important change was the move of Commerce Minister Pranab Mukherjee who has presided over cabinet meetings in Mrs. Gandhi's absence, to the finance ministry.

He replaced Ramaswami Venkataranam who took over the defence portfolio which Mrs. Gandhi had held since regaining office.

Mrs. Gandhi said in a broadcast last night that the new economic package would help lighten the burden on millions of her people, providing for liberal investment procedures and streamlining of industrial policies.

The decision to create a separate ministry of irrigation under Kedar Pandey, who was moved from the railways ministry, appeared significant because the programme's first point was to provide for increased irrigation.

Mrs. Gandhi kept two important portfolios unchanged including that of External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao who is reckoned here to be one of the most successful cabinet members.

## Full text of Jordan's draft resolution at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — Following is the text of the Security Council resolution sponsored by Jordan calling for mandatory sanctions against Israel for its annexation of the Golan Heights:

### The Security Council

Recalling its Resolution 497 (1981) dated 17 December 1981.

Having considered the report of the secretary-general contained in Document S/14805 dated 21 December 1981, S.14805 corr. 1 dated 23 December 1981 and S.14821 dated 31 December 1981.

Considering that the Security Council in its Resolution 497 (1981) decided that in the event of non-compliance by Israel it would urgently meet "to consider taking appropriate measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations."

Bearing in mind General Assembly Resolution 36/226 B of 17 December 1981.

Recalling General Assembly Resolution 3314 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, which defines an act of aggression as "the invasion or attack by the armed forces of a state of the territory of another state, or any military occupation, however temporary, resulting from such invasion or attack, or any annexation by the use of force of the territory of another state or part thereof."

"Determining that the continued occupation of the Syrian Golan Heights since June 1967 and its annexation by Israel on 14 December 1981 constitutes a continuing threat to international peace and security,"

Acting in accordance with Articles 39 and 41 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Strongly condemns Israel for its failure to comply with Security Council Resolution 497 (1981) and General Assembly Resolution 36/226 B (1981).

2. Determines that Israeli measures in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, culminating in Israel's decision of 14 December 1981 to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, constitutes an act of aggression under the provisions of Article 39 of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. Decides that all member states, in accordance with Article 41 of the Charter, should:

A. Refrain from supplying Israel with any weapons and related military equipment and suspend any military assistance to Israel.

B. Suspend economic, financial and technological assistance to Israel.

4. Requests all member states to consider suspending diplomatic and consular relations with Israel.

5. Decides also to call upon all member states of the United Nations to carry out this decision of the Security Council in accordance with Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations.

6. Urges, having regard to the principles stated in Article 21, Paragraph 6, of its Charter, states not members of the United Nations to act in accordance with provisions of this resolution.

7. Calls upon all other United Nations bodies and other specialised agencies of the United Nations and their members to conform their relations with Israel to the terms of this resolution.

8. Decides to establish in accordance with Article 29 of the Charter a committee of the Security Council to examine and report to the council on the progress of the implementation of this resolution.

9. Requests the secretary-general to submit a report to the Security Council on the implementation of this resolution.

## Greece protests Turkish 'provocations'

ATHENS, Jan. 15 (R) — Greece's ambassador in Ankara has been instructed to deliver a protest to the Turkish government today after the latest in what he described as a series of provocations, a government spokesman said. The spokesman said a Turkish gunboat had violated Greek territorial waters last Tuesday near the eastern coast of the island of Evvoia in the Aegean Sea. Greek Prime Minister and Defence minister Andreas Papandreou, met the U.S. ambassador to Greece today, but no announcement was made on the subject of their discussion. The government spokesman declined to say whether the meeting was in connection with the Turkish violation of Greece's territorial waters and the mounting tension in relations between the two neighbouring countries, Greece and Turkey, both members of NATO, and at odds over territorial rights in the Cyprus issue.

## Ecevit to be freed February 1

ANKARA, Jan. 15 (R) — Former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, serving a three-month jail term for defying a military ban on public statements, will be released on Feb. 1, his lawyer said today. Mr. Ecevit was jailed on Dec. 3 after a martial law court found him guilty of violating a military decree aimed at gagging former politicians. Under the Turkish penal code a prisoner's term is usually reduced by one-third for good conduct and lack of an earlier conviction.

## Spanish 'cooking oil' deaths reach 245

MADRID, Jan. 15 (R) — The death toll has reached 245 in Spain's poisoned cooking oil scandal as an official report leaked to the press said the "enormous" problem was far from over. Two women, aged 66 and 49, were the latest patients to die after consuming rapeseed oil treated for industrial use and sold fraudulently as cooking oil, the health ministry said. Since May more than 16,000 people have been affected by the outbreak, which doctors still cannot identify fully and call the "toxic syndrome."

## Iranians clash in Philippines

BAGUIO, Philippines, Jan. 15 (R) — Nine Iranian students were arrested after a clash today between rival Iranian factions in this northern Philippine resort city, police said. They said the nine were charged with creating a public scandal and later released. An Iranian student stabbed yesterday in a Manila street later died in hospital, police said today.

## Young Spanish generals replace aging ones

MADRID, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — The Spanish cabinet today appointed younger men to replace the top four officers in the armed forces who are nearing retirement, official sources said.

Lt. Gen. Alvaro Lacalle Leloup, 63, commander of the central Valladolid region, was made head of the joint chiefs of staff. Lt. Gen. Ramon de Ascanio Togores, 61, became

army chief of staff.

Both are due to retire in 1984.

They replaced respectively Air Lt. Gen. Ignacio Alvaro Arregui, 63, and Lt. Gen. Jose Gabeiras Montero, 65, who retire in 1983 and this year.

Air Division Gen. Emilio Garcia-Conde, 63, was made air force chief of staff and Vice-Admiral Saturnino Suances de Hidalgo, 60, head of the navy.

They replaced Air Lt. Gen. Emilio Alvaro Arregui and Adm. Luis Arevalo Pelliz, both higher ranking and aged 65. Lt. Gen. Alvaro Arregui is the brother of the outgoing joint chiefs of staff commander.

Officials have predicted Spain's entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) by late spring. The trial of 32 rebel officers, including three generals, is expected to open in mid-February.

Government sources who declined to be identified said the

unions have called for a national general strike on Jan. 19 against the government's new anti-strike laws.

The moving of Mr. Venkataraman from finance to defence caused some surprise as he was generally reckoned to have done a good job in negotiating a recent \$3.8 billion International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan for India.

But the defence ministry has taken on added importance since a U.S. arms deal with Pakistan including sophisticated weapons such as F-16 combat aircraft.

Opposition parties and trade

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 15 (R) — Pakistani authorities have arrested some 480 suspected members of an organisation which wants to overthrow the military government of President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, according to Interior Minister Mahmud Haroon.

Mr. Haroon said the suspects were in police custody for their association with the Al Zulfikar organisation.

Pakistani authorities have said the organisation is based in Kabul and led by Murtaza Bhutto, eldest son of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

"Their interrogation is continuing and cases against them will be instituted soon," he said.

Mr. Haroon was opening a

two-day security debate by the 288-member advisory council nominated by President Zia last month to advise the government on national problems.

The council, which began its first session Monday, endorsed Pakistan's foreign policy Wednesday night after a two-day debate.

In an apparent reference to the banned Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of the late Mr. Bhutto, Mr. Haroon said that while the military government was busy enforcing Islamic laws and creating conditions for restoration of democracy, "the terrorist elements of a political party along with leftists have accelerated their activities of subversion and sabotage."

The former prime minister's wife, Mrs. Nusrat Bhutto, who now leads the PPP, has denied any connection with Al Zulfikar, either personally or through the PPP.

Pakistani authorities have linked Al Zulfikar to a number of incidents last year, including a bomb blast during Pope Paul's visit to Karachi in February, and the hijack of a Pakistani airliner in March.

Mr. Haroon said Al Zulfikar had conducted numerous sabotage operations since its formation two years ago, but national security was now much improved.

The minister denied a report issued this week by the London-based human rights organisation

Amnesty International that accused Pakistan of jailing and torturing 6,000 political prisoners last March. He added there were not more than 62 political detainees in Pakistan.

He said the military government stood by its promise to hold elections but wanted to ensure these should not lead to political instability and chaos.

President Zia, who seized power in a military coup against Mr. Bhutto in 1977, has twice postponed elections, the last time in October 1979 when he also banned all political parties.

He has asked the new Federal Advisory Council, or Majlis-i-Shoora, to advise him on introducing an Islamic system of government.

crossing point between the predominantly Muslim western sector of Beirut and the Christian east, people wait for taxis or soft oranges from three-wheeled wooden barrows.

On one side of the crossroads stands the chipped and broken classical facade of the National Museum, ringed by sandbagged gun emplacements and long closed to visitors.

On the other side is a scarred yellow building hastily shored up with concrete at one corner, gaping holes torn in it by artillery fire, and a soft drink stall open for business on the ground floor.

The normality can only be deceptive while the capital is a patchwork of territories belonging to

various militias that can put hundreds of gunmen onto the streets at a moment's notice.

In East Beirut, a single right-wing Christian militia has held undisputed sway since crushing its rivals more than a year ago.

But West Beirut is dominated by the armed

troops that make up the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the Shi'ite Muslim militia Amal (hope), and a left-wing alliance grouping 13 paramilitary organisations and parties.

Manning checkpoints and occupying strategic positions such as a 30-storey unfinished office block in the heart of the city are soldiers of the



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